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## Idaho Foodsize Trout Sales Decreased in 2008

Idaho foodsize trout (trout 12 inches and longer) sales during 2008 totaled \$35.0 million, down 24 percent from the \$46.4 million in 2007, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The number of foodsize fish sold was 27.6 million, down 39 percent from the 45.4 million sold a year ago. Total pounds sold in 2007 were 35.4 million pounds, compared to 49.9 million pounds in 2007. Average price per pound for food size trout was \$0.99, up from \$0.93 in 2007.

Nationally, the number of food size trout sold during 2008 totaled 40.4 million fish, down 31 percent from the previous year. The average price per pound was \$1.38, up 19 cents from 2007. The value of sales for the 2008 marketing year was 72.4 million dollars, down 9 percent from 2007. Based on the dollar value, 58 percent were sold to processors and 24 percent were sold to fee and recreational fishing establishments.

The total value of fish sales received by trout growers in the United States totaled 79.7 million dollars for 2008, a decrease of 9 percent from 2007. Idaho accounted for 44 percent of the total value of fish sold.